Transportation and Air Quality

38.) Government Green Fleet Policy

Adopt a green fleet policy that includes purchasing the most fuel efficient and least polluting vehicle that will meet the needs for the use of the vehicle (appropriate size and type) and gives preference to the purchase of alternative fuel and/or hybrid fleet vehicles for fleet vehicle replacement.

DESCRIPTION OF MEASURE

The local government has adopted a vehicle purchase policy that favors the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles and/or hybrids. An alternative fuel vehicle is defined as a vehicle that is powered by a fuel that is not petroleum based (i.e. ethanol, biodiesel, electricity, compressed natural gas, etc.).

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR CREDIT

A copy of the green fleet policy with date of adoption

EXAMPLES OF IMPLEMENTATION

Example #1: The City of Roswell has a policy to purchase hybrid vehicles if the hybrid vehicle does not hinder the intended use of the vehicle and the total vehicle cost does not exceed the total expense of the next least expensive alternative by more than 10 percent of life cycle cost.

Example #2: The City of Alpharetta has a policy that gives preference to the purchase and use of fuel efficient and lowest emission vehicles and equipment. Additionally, the City's policy also calls for the implementation of strategic fleet management practices to further reduce both emissions and environmental impacts of the fleet itself. Alpharetta currently operates four hybrid vehicles.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The National Association of County Governments published a fact sheet on green fleets and the document, titled *Greening County Fleets*, is available on the NACO Green Government Initiative web page at www.greencounties.org.



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